

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 are pending in the application, with claims 4, 10 and 15 being the independent claims. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-14 were cancelled by way of an Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed October 10, 2005. Claim 16 is presently sought to be cancelled. This change introduces no new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

Cancellation of Claim 16

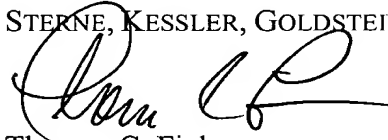
During a telephonic interview with the Examiner on June 20, 2005, the undersigned agreed on behalf of Applicant to cancel claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-14 and 16 in order to expedite allowance of claims 4, 10, 11 and 15. However, in the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed October 10, 2005, only claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-14 were cancelled. Therefore, Applicant has submitted this Amendment to cancel claim 16 as well.

It should be noted that Applicant agreed to cancel claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-14 to expedite allowance of claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 only. Applicant does not acquiesce in the Examiner's determination that claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-14 and 16 were not allowable over the prior art of record and intends to file a continuation application to prosecute those claims.

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendments are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Fiala', written over the firm name.

Thomas C. Fiala
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 43,610

Date: 12/7/05

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600

472326_1.DOC